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To whom it may concern

Evaluation of PhD candidate Veronika Šrámková

It is my pleasure to write this evaluation of Veronika Šrámková who joined our research group at Third Faculty of Medicine as a PhD student in 2013. As a co-supervisor of her joint PhD work I had an intimate look at her abilities and productivity.

Her PhD project, co-tutored by Prof. Dominique Langin, Paul Sabatier University and INSERM, France, was dedicated to the analysis of regulation analysis of lipogenesis in adipose tissue upon various conditions, as metabolic stress, obesity and aging. As such it was an important part of the current project of joint Franco-Czech Laboratory for Clinical Research on Obesity (a European Associated Laboratory between Inserm and The Third Faculty of Medicine co-directed by Prof. Vladimír Štich and Prof. Dominique Langin). The project combined molecular studies on human cells, their phenotyping and exploitation of a specifically designed clinical trials.

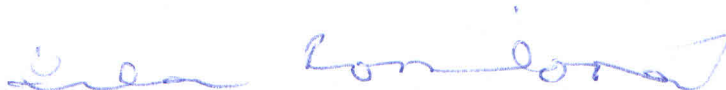
Veronika is exceptionally highly motivated and dedicated to do fair science and she has always shown a genuine interest in her research projects. Veronika became particularly skilled in techniques revolving around the mRNA expression analysis and cell culture techniques. She has worked with both, established adipose cell lines as hMADS and primary cultures of adipose derived stem cells, and she has never complained about time spent with cells (frequently also during weekends) necessary to provide them best care. Veronica was always enthusiastic and willing to try new assays and procedures but also further improved already used experimental protocols when possible. Also and very importantly, Veronika proved that she is capable of analytical thinking, which is necessary for proper organization and formulation of scientific ideas. This was acknowledged by the fact that she was awarded a scholarship by French government to cover her PhD stay in France. She has also shown exceptional organizational abilities when being able to work on the parallel projects in the two laboratories in two different countries. Her strong personality helped her to overcome other professional, bureaucratic and personal obstacles linked to the type of joint PhD program as frequent moving between the two countries and indeed, long term separation from her husband.

Without any exaggeration, Veronika is an excellent team mate, willing to cooperate, help and share her expertise. At the same time, she sincerely appreciated any help from her colleagues and supervisors.

Finally, I would like to comment on Veronika's personality. She is a very modest and kind person with positive attitude. She is extremely dedicated to science but she fortunately lacks the kind of rapacity that is driven by simple overconfidence.

In conclusion, a combination of Veronika's modest and kind personality, dedication to the given projects and enthusiasm to meet the new challenges made Veronika an excellent PhD student. Therefore, I provide my highest recommendation for Veronika to obtain PhD degree.

Sincerely,



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